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(SOVIET-MIDEAST)

LONDON (UPI) -- THE SOVIETS ARE PROPOSING A MIDDLE EAST PEACE PLAN THAT CALLS FOR ISRAEL TO GIVE UP THE TERRITORY IT TOOK IN 1967 AND FOR RUSSIAN AND AMERICAN TROOPS TO POLICE ARAB-ISRAELI BORDERS, A RANKING COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT SAID TODAY.

ACCORDING TO THE COMMUNIST DIPLOMAT, THE SOVIET PROPOSALS CALL FOR:

-- A CEASEFIRE IN THE CURRENT WAR TO BE AGREED UPON WITH WHAT HE CALLED A "FIRM ASSIST" FROM THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

- --ISRAEL TO PULL BACK TO THE BORDERS IT HELD BEFORE THE 1967 SIX-DAY ARAB-ISRAEL WAR. IN 1967 ISRAEL TOOK THE SINAI FROM EGYPT, OLD JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER FROM JORDAN AND THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FROM SYRIA. AFTER THE ISRAELI PULLBACK, THE DIPLOMAT SAID, THE PLAN PROVIDES FOR FINAL POSTWAR BORDERS TO BE AGREED ALONG THE OLD LINES "WITH MINOR RECTIFICATIONS."
- -- THESE BORDERS TO BE GUARANTEED "INTERNATIONALLY" BUT MAINLY BY THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION AND U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
- -- THE CEASEFIRE TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN INTERNATIONAL FORCE INCLUDING AMERICANS AND RUSSIANS.
- -- SOVIET AND AMERICAN FORCES TO GUARANTEE THE INVIOLABILITY OF THESE BORDERS BY PHYSICAL PRESENCE, SEPARATELY OR, LESS LIKELY, JOINTLY.

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